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## Quick Read

### SHAPE/Chièvres

#### Holiday Mailings

To ensure letters and packages to the United States are delivered before Christmas, the Post Office has established the following deadlines:

Nov. 18 SAM Parcels

Dec. 02 PAL Parcels

Dec. 09 Priority Parcels

Dec. 09 First Class Mail

Dec. 21 Express Mail

Chièvres Air Base APO will provide package mailing, stamp and money order services through Dec. 16, Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

#### College Night, Career Launch

SHAPE College Night and Career Launch is set for Nov. 9 from 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the SHAPE School Cafeteria for all students, their parents, and interested community members. Child and Youth Services will present their Career Launch program. Call 423-5789 for information.

#### Iron Shapian Competition

The U.S. Army NATO, SHAPE Battalion is sponsoring a five-event Iron Shapian competition Nov. 24 at the SHAPE main gym.

The competition is open to all SHAPE identification card holders. There is a 10 euro registration fee. Competitors will be judged in push-ups, sit-ups, pull-ups and dips, along with a four-mile run.

Qualification standards per event include:

##### Men:

Push-ups 75 minimum

Sit-ups 85 minimum

Pull-ups 10 minimum

Dips 25 minimum

Four-mile run 28:00 maximum

##### Women:

Push-ups 60 minimum

Sit-ups 85 minimum

Pull-ups 5 minimum

Dips 10 minimum

Four-mile run 31:00 maximum

Registration deadline for the event is Nov. 21. Call 423-7299/7246, visit Bldg. 212, or request a registration form on-line at [ironshapian@usanato.army.mil](mailto:ironshapian@usanato.army.mil).

## 598th Trans. recognizes 60 years port support in northern Europe

By Bram de Jong

Over 120 military and civilian port related dignitaries from Belgium, Germany, The Netherlands and the United States attended the 598th Transportation Group Reception at the Van Ghentkazerne in Rotterdam, The Netherlands.

This reception, with the motto; "60 years continued support" was hosted by the 598th Commander, Col. Gary R. Stanley. The reception was initiated to recognize the City Authorities of the Ports of Bremerhaven, Nordenham, Rotterdam, Antwerp and Mannheim for their continued support to the 598th Trans. Gp. over the past 60 years.

Before presenting 598th Trans. Gp. mementoes to the mayors or representatives of these four ports, Stanley made the following remarks:

"The 598th Transportation Group's daily mission to plan and conduct water port and surface distribution operations has always been successful thanks to the Host Nation support", said Stanley. "In 60 years we have seen a transformation of Europe, a transformation of our world and a transformation in the way in which forces, equipment, supplies

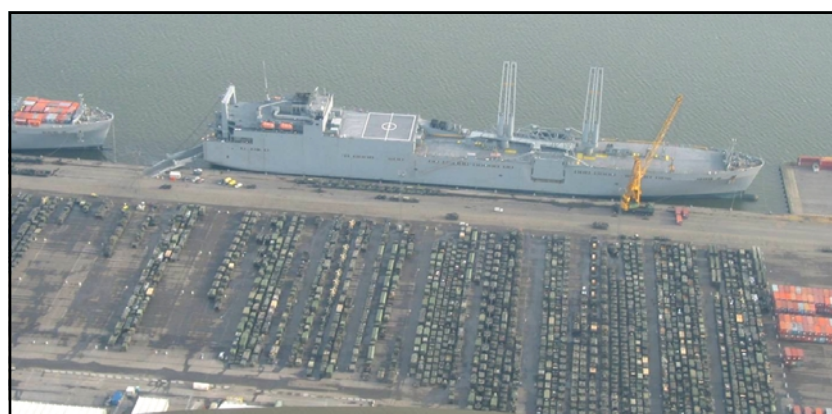


PHOTO: Courtesy 598th Trans. Gp.

The 598th Transportation Group recently held a reception to honor our port partners from Bremerhaven, Rotterdam, Antwerp and Mannheim. The USAG Benelux provides logistical support to all troops and material transiting through our area of responsibility.

and commercial goods are distributed around the globe. The 598th Trans. Gp., in partnership with everyone here, today, has led that transformation in both the military and commercial sectors and today we both, in our own way, serve as the model for the future.

"The U.S. Department of the Army established the first Army transportation unit in Bremerhaven, Germany; the gateway for forces, equipment and sup-

plies, in 1945, as Europe began the process of rebuilding and transforming in the wake of the events of the Second World War," he said. "Although the headquarters has since relocated to Rotterdam, The Netherlands, the German town of Bremerhaven has in fact provided invaluable, uninterrupted service to NATO and to the U.S. Armed Forces for 60 years. Bremerhaven along with

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### Community Feedback

## Chièvres Garrison hosts town hall meeting

By J.D. Hardesty

Communicating the whole story Chièvres Garrison partners provide to the community can be much like a telephone call with no one on the line.

Talking for hours is futile unless someone listens and provides valuable feedback.

Lt. Col. John G. Romero, Chièvres Garrison commander and USAG Benelux staff and organizations hosted a town hall meeting recently to give the community a brief update on support and services and to identify issues the command might be able to resolve.

Post exchange representatives talked of the upcoming holiday hours, Chièvres Holiday Bazaar, job recruitment to provide better service, Monday temporary hours to determine if opening the extra day is cost effective and a planned car wash being built in fiscal year '06.

Romero urged those who wanted the PX open on Mondays



PHOTO: J.D. Hardesty

Lt. Col. John G. Romero, Chièvres Garrison commander (right) and USAG Benelux staff host a town hall meeting to brief the SHAPE/Chièvres community on current issues facing the command and to answer their concerns.

needed to vote with their feet by shopping that extra day. Jan Filman, Benelux school liaison officer for SHAPE Schools explained the transition to the Army Air Force Exchange Services new debit system for managing the lunch program was working well and the family focused "Friday Lights on After School" program in conjunction with the Child Development Center.

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Romero explained that energy costs, up 35 percent over last year, are one of the garrison's largest expenses. He emphasized that heating oil costs have climbed 83 percent since last year.

"A simple thing like turning off computer monitors each evening saves the government \$100 per year per computer," Romero said. "And we have to operate with pennies on the dollar. We receive about 86 cents for every dollar needed to operate the garrison."

Some concerns expressed by the community about the support and service they receive included:

*Question: We live in government-leased housing. When can we expect to get our storage sheds re-*

*paired?*

Response: We are very much aware sheds need repair and replacement. We are working on getting the funds. Also, where possible, make repairs through the self-help process. The situation is not easily solved since the sheds should be maintained by the owners of the quarters being leased to military personnel.

*Question: We left a message with one of the doctors at SHAPE Healthcare Facility and the doctor never got back to us. In fact, we saw the doctor a few days later and he told us he was on leave. Doesn't someone need to tell us that the doctor is out of the office or on leave?*

Response: That is not supposed to happen. You should have been advised that the doctor is out of the office or on leave. We will look into the process, but I am sorry that should never happen.

*Question: In the new Army lodging that will be built, will there be rooms for pets only?*

Response: The Morale Recreation and Welfare kennel will be used for pets. There will be no pets allowed in the new lodge.

Quarterly town hall meetings are being scheduled to provide Chievres community members updates about services and support and a question and answer forum so their concerns direct-dialed to the top.

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her sister facilities in the City of Nordenham, located on the other side of the Weser River, continue to be the primary ports in Northern Europe supporting the movement of ammunition, privately owned vehicles (POVs) and select units in the region.

"The other primary ports today, Antwerp, Rotterdam and Mannheim have been used almost continuously since they were liberated in 1944 and 1945. As our ability to project and sustain forces grew in importance, and we began to rely more heavily on commercial facilities, with our role in these ports expanded exponentially," he said. "Based on their increased role given the volumes of material involved in sustaining NATO efforts in the Cold War and preparing for any and all contingencies, the U.S. Army established a permanent presence in Rotterdam and Mannheim in 1957. Antwerp, although up until now supported by our permanent organization here in the Netherlands, has and continues to play an important, vital role in the distribution of NATO and

U.S. Forces cargo."

Today, Europe, America and in fact the world's landscape has changed dramatically since 1945. Nov. 9, 1989 the Berlin Wall fell and in concert with the impact of globalization and connectivity the world changed as well. "I am not going to discuss the politics or debate the merits of the many deployments we and our NATO partners have engaged in around the globe since 1989, but I would like to say that we have transformed how Soldiers, equipment and supplies are deployed and sustained around the globe each and every day," Stanley said. "Our partnerships with NATO and commercial industry have changed how we operate and how we view the world. Side-by-side we have seen an industry transform and the capability of the West to deploy and sustain forces around the globe are now central to any strategy dealing with global security and disaster response.

To recognize the efforts of the Port Authorities, Host Nation military, contractors, security officials, and our com-

mercial carriers, the 598th presented plaques for outstanding support to representatives from primary port cities of Bremerhaven, Rotterdam, Antwerp and Mannheim.

The Honorable Artur Beneken, Chairman of the Bremerhaven Parliament, Honorable Mayor Ivo Opstelten from Rotterdam, Dirk Grootjans, Antwerp Alderman for Integral Security and Roland Hoerner, Port Captain of Mannheim received a 598th plaque with citation.

Stanley also recognized the Mayor of Capelle aan den IJssel, the Honorable Joke van Doorne, and some of the direct neighbors at the Lylantse Plein "where we've resided for the last several years." He thanked the Capelle Mayor, the local police, Marechaussee and the Netherlands military for their efforts in providing the 598th and their families a secure environment to in which we live and work.

The Royal Dutch Marine Corps Van Ghentkazerne in Rotterdam has been chosen as the location for the reception because this will be the new loca-

tion of the 598th. Stanley already addressed the Royal Netherlands' Marine Corps Van Ghentkazerne Commander, Col. Eric Blommesteijn, as our 'soon to be neighbors'.

"The Dutch Marines have been very gracious and supportive as we went through our own lengthy political process to secure permissions to move to Van Ghentkazerne and also to secure the funding necessary to make this a reality. I am happy to announce today that we recently received the full support of our secretary of the Army for the Van Ghentkazerne move," he said..

After praising the support of his own workforce and presenting the mementoes to the mayors and representatives of the four major ports he turned over the podium to his deputy; Lt. Col. Stacy L. Ruble, Deputy Commanding Officer. Ruble provided a 30 minute slide show. He made a walking tour through the last 60 years of our command's presence here in Europe. The slides demonstrated how much we have changed, both as an industry and a military discipline, and also as a world.



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# USAG Brussels Tri-Mission News

## Brussels group volunteerism trucks across borders

By Thad Moyseowicz

A group of 14 ladies sponsored by Brussels' Protestant Women of the Chapel (PWOC) recently traveled to Poland to perform volunteer work at the Elim Christian Center in Lwowek Slaski, Poland, and took with them a large donation of goods provided by the Brussels-American community.

Founded in 1992, the Elim Center's ministries provide clothing, food, work and dignity for the needy people in the area.

Nikkie Salada, who organized the mission, said, "I was really struck by how much the center was doing with so little, and what a difference it was making in the lives of the many people it served."

The basic PWOC contribution would be self-sufficient volunteer labor. "We needed to make sure we would be a positive addition to, and not a drain, on the Elim Center's slim resources," she says. "In order to maximize our time spent in performing work, the Center allowed us to bunk in its facilities. We brought with us our own bedding and food to be used during working hours."

Although PWOC was the sponsoring organization, other members of the Brussels community participated, three of which volunteered their private vehicles to transport the group to and from Poland.

In addition to providing labor, the PWOC sponsored a massive donation of goods for the center. "We deliberately timed our departure to Poland to happen just a few days after the Brussels community

Brocante," she says. "That way, we were able to get community members to generously donate many of their unsold items for us to take. We even made it easy for them by asking USAG-Brussels for the use of a racquetball court a few hundred feet away from the Brocante stalls for use as temporary storage. This turned out to be a win-win proposition for everyone."

It was so win-win, in fact, the volume of donated goods far exceeded the ability of the three-vehicle "caravan" to carry. Enter Air Force Master Sergeant Dwayne Pitman, U.S. Mission to NATO and his wife, Donetta, is a member of PWOC who was going on the mission. Pitman recalled from prior assignments that provisions exist which authorize commanders to provide official U.S. Government vehicles to assist in sponsored events.

Through a collaborative effort between Pitman, garrison Chaplain, (Maj.) Arley Longworth, and Lt. Col. Patrick Kilroy, USAG Brussels commander, a suitable six and one-half ton truck was made available. Pitman recruited one of his colleagues at the U.S. Mission, Staff Sgt. Iris Ford, to assist in the driving. "Ford is an Army truck driver," explained Pitman, "so she was already qualified to drive the vehicle. When I explained to her what the PWOC group was trying to do, she gladly volunteered. That way we had two active duty service members driving the vehicle. Our superiors at the U.S. Mission willingly authorized our participation." One of the stipulations for the

truck's use was that fuel for the trip was the responsibility of PWOC. "Our community donated the funds to buy over 400 liters of fuel. We needed it! We also filled- and I mean, filled- every cubic foot of the six and one-half ton truck with donated goods," he adds.

"The Elim Center was staggered by the amount and quality of the goods, clothes, furniture, toys, bicycles, and more donated by the Brussels community," Salada said. "We were assured that all of it was useful and would be gratefully received by the many needy people in the local community."

The PWOC volunteers were up early on Friday and went to work in various assignments tasked them by the center's directors. Some of the work involved sorting through and storing donated goods by category. Other volunteers tested electric toys to ensure they were operable. By far the most work done was in pre-cutting and otherwise preparing donated bolts of cloth for use in one of the center's work projects.

Sheila Murray, one of the PWOC volunteers, explained: "One of the Elim Center's most important outreach program employs 18 otherwise unemployed families. Members of these families work on hand-made, stuffed cloth Nativity sets, which the center helps them market and sell. This work provides the sole employment for these households.

"All of us are grateful for the opportunity to help the Elim Center in its important work," she said. "The center truly makes a difference in the lives of many people."

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# USAG Schinnen Tri-Border News



## USAG Schinnen celebrates new designation

PHOTOS: Sylvia Bowron

### BSB becomes a garrison

**By Laurri Garcia**

U.S. Army Garrison Schinnen celebrated its redesignation from the 254th Base Support Battalion to U.S. Army Garrison Schinnen Oct. 14, with a formal ceremony during which the new U.S. Army Garrison Schinnen Headquarters sign complete with the new U.S. Army Garrison Schinnen logo was unveiled.

Local community VIPs, area military leaders, Soldiers and family members turned out to watch Lt. Col. Rick Richardson, U.S. Army Garrison Schinnen commander and Schinnen Mayor Frans Beckers assisted by Pfc. Joshua Bilunka, U.S. Army Garrison Schinnen's newest arrived Soldier, and Wouter Vermeulen, Schinnen's longest employed Dutch worker, unveil the U.S. Army Garrison Schinnen Headquarters sign.

"Yesterday, Oct. 13, in Heidelberg, Germany, amidst much pomp and circumstance we cased the colors of the 254th Base Support Battalion and closed a chapter in the rich and diverse history of a proud unit, but with that, we unfurled our new colors and now you and I have the distinct honor of writing the newest chapter in a long legacy of service, Soldier support, community excellence and Army pride," remarked Richardson.

U.S. Army Garrison Schinnen is just one of many base support battalions

throughout the world to be redesignated a 'garrison' in line with the Army's implementation of the Standard Garrison Organization or SGO.

"SGO is more than just a name change," explained Richardson. "It is a new way of doing business Army-wide. Facilities at all garrisons will have the same names and organizational structure regardless of location. You can be at Fort Hood or U.S. Army Garrison Schinnen and the high quality of services and organization operations are the same."

In addition to the ceremony and the more formal activities of the day, U.S. Army Garrison Schinnen celebrated their new name with an organizational day and picnic. Soldiers and U.S. and Dutch employees participated in various sporting events vying for the ever-elusive Commander's Cup.

"This is an opportunity to celebrate who we are and what we do," stated Maj. Dan Peterson, Director of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security. "We have a wonderful working relationship with our Dutch workforce and the camaraderie is evident in today's events," emphasized Peterson.

Soldiers and civilians alike competed in events such as volleyball and soccer. When it was all said and done the Directorate of Morale Welfare and Recreation emerged victorious.

Above: (from left) Richardson, Vermeulen, Bilunka and Beckers unveil the new USAG Schinnen sign. Below: USAG Schinnen Soldiers, employees and guests enjoy a picnic and organizational day in celebration of their new designation.



# USAG Schinnen Tri-Border News



PHOTO: Sylvia Bowron

USAG Schinnen staff members look on as Lt. Col. Rick Richardson updates them on command initiatives and upcoming FY '06 mission objectives.

## By Sylvia Bowron

More than 100 military and civilian employees attended the quarterly commander's symposium held Oct. 6, at the Schinnen Sports Center by Lt. Col. Rick Richardson, commander, U.S. Army Garrison Schinnen.

The symposium is a command information tool that allows the commander to give members of the USAG Schinnen workforce an update on what has transpired in the past few months, provide a preview of what is ahead and to give personnel a chance to communicate directly with the commander.

"The purpose of the symposium is to provide us an opportunity to get together and exchange ideas... to give me and you a chance to communicate directly," said Richardson. "First of all, welcome to the United States Army Garrison Schinnen, it's official," he exclaimed as he displayed a copy of the official orders. "Effective Sept. 30, the 254th Base Support Battalion deactivated, and effective Oct. 1, U.S. Army Garrison Schinnen was organized."

"I know there is a lot of emotion that goes with this and many of you have been here a long time, but change is part of life, and certainly a part of the military and government service," said Richardson. "Even though we are very sad to see our good

those civilians who work for them.

Reflecting on the success of the past few months, the commander continued by highlighting some of the good things done by the organization. "This organization does great things," Richardson said emphatically. "Every day our community is thankful for the things we have done," he added.

"It was an exceptional fiscal year, one of the most chaotic many have ever seen, yet through the chaos, the garrison continued its mission and did it very well and most importantly was prepared for end-of-year spending. Lessons learned from last year were applied to this year and many people worked hard to have plans in place, and contracts ready for any last minute funds that would be available."

"We received about \$200,000 end-of-year funds," said Richardson, "and spent it quicker than any garrison in U.S. Army Garrison Benelux and were able to receive everything we asked for on our first list to enhance our mission and take care of the community."

He spoke of the projects currently being done. "People make a lot of jokes that Schinnen is always under construction," said Richardson. "But, that has a lot to do with our proactive Department of Public Works team, who is always looking ahead, forecasting our requirements for the future and tak-

## Commander stresses safety, communication

friend the 254th Base Support Battalion deactivate, furl the colors and place them in storage in Washington D.C., the heart and soul of the organization is us, the people, and we're still here and doing our job. We are now doing our job as part of U.S. Army Garrison Schinnen," he added.

The commander briefly explained the chain of command for USAG Schinnen as it is important to all military organizations and

ing care of our infrastructure to make sure it doesn't fall apart and making it better."

The commander spoke of the strategic plan and the nine goals that have been established for the garrison. Of these goals, he stressed practicing sound stewardship of resources, and improving financial performance.

The latter goal has yet to be accomplished, but in light of current events, it may take a bit longer to achieve. The other goal stressed was reduce accidents by 50 percent.

"I am very concerned about this objective because it involves our lives," said Richardson. "It also involves wasting government money to fix vehicles. I need your help... and I need it now! Please put some attention on our vehicle operations program and get moving in the right direction."

Ending on a positive note, the commander commended everyone for helping the garrison achieve most of the goals set out last year.

Key events for the next three months were highlighted and then the commander briefly explained the active component division and brigade combat team stationing and flag designations under the new Army structure. He continued with the commander's intent and the importance of each and again highlighting the importance of resource stewardship and force protection and safety.

Communications and ensuring the community gets the information is paramount to the commander.

"There is really no reason not to know what is going on here, because the information is out there," said Richardson. "Many of us in this room spend a lot of time putting together these communication sources. Please take the effort to look at these. Read them or listen to them so you know what is going on."

"We provide these for you," said Richardson. "We don't do it because we have to, but it's our effort to get the word out." Richardson thanked everyone for their continued support then opened the floor to a brief question and answer period.

### Vehicle Theft, Vandalism: Are You Covered?

#### Personnel Claims Act, Private Insurance

By The Netherlands Law Center

#### "Dude, where's my car?"

Seann William Scott and Ashton Kutcher aren't the only ones asking this these days. Unfortunately, military personnel and DoD civilians assigned overseas can easily become the victims of vehicle theft and vandalism. While purchasing a comprehensive private insurance policy is the most effective way to shield oneself from the costs associated with such a loss, the US Army Claims Service (USARCS) may provide a measure of compensation, up to a maximum of \$3,000, if it is clear from the circumstances that the loss occurred *incident to service*.

Now let's define this critical phrase: *incident to*

*service* means that there is a direct relationship between the loss or damage to a DoD employee's vehicle and the employee's overseas duty with the US forces. For example, the loss or damage must occur at the employee's US Government assigned, or otherwise provided, quarters. The standard of proof is *clear and convincing evidence* and the burden is on the DoD employee filing the claim. Yes, it can be challenging to obtain compensation from the Army for vehicle loss or damage but this is because the USARCS is neither an insurance company nor a substitute for private insurance.

Insured or not, a DoD employee should report a theft or vandalism to the local authorities upon discovery if the incident occurs outside a military installation and to the military police immediately thereafter. Failing to do so or delaying one's report may result in a denial of the employee's claim or a significantly reduced award amount. Pictures of the van-

dalism and a detailed statement from the claimant will help the Claims officer adjudicate the claim. A claimant may be required to first submit a claim to her insurance company to determine whether the company will compensate for the theft or vandalism. When it's all said and done, if the loss or damage has occurred *incident to service*, the Claims adjudicator may be able to recommend appropriate compensation. Of course, the amount awarded will depend on the age and condition of the vehicle. And please remember, the process takes time.

Let's face it. Cars get stolen. Windows get broken. If you want peace of mind, contact your local insurance provider. However, remember that your local Claims Office may also afford you a small measure of satisfaction. Please call The Netherlands Law Center Claims Office at DSN 364-6211 or civilian 045-5636211 if you have questions.

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COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN  
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## Combined Federal Campaign

The overseas Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) for fiscal year 2005/2006 has begun and runs through Dec. 3.

Donors may designate a charity or charities to receive their money by filling out a pledge card. Donations can be in cash, check or by payroll deduction. CFC officials said that on average, one in four federal employees or their dependents will benefit from the campaign charities this year.

For information on CFC call DSN 360-7226 or check the CFC web site [www.opm.gov/cfc](http://www.opm.gov/cfc).

## Flu shot info

The US clinic at Geilenkirchen received its first shipment of flu immunizations and will immunize active duty and high risk individuals.

The following qualify for a flu shot right now: active duty service members who have orders to deploy, persons 50 years or older, those who have chronic asthma or diabetes, children aged 6-23 months regardless of medical risk, household contacts and out of home caretakers of infants 0-23 months, people aged 6mo to 18yrs on long-term aspirin therapy, women who will be pregnant anytime during the influenza season, household members including children of persons in high risk groups, health care workers who provide direct care to persons at risk. If you have questions or need more information please call 02451993330 for more information.

## AFAP continues

By Sylvia Bowron

The upcoming annual Army Family Action Plan (AFAP) Conference will be held in Washington D.C. Nov. 12-19. Five issues from the USAG Schinnen AFAP conference which was held this past March will be discussed.

"As of today we have submitted 42 issues for completion," said Ed Carter, AFAP program manager. "The Schinnen AFAP team completed 33 Moral, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) and Teen issues in June. In July, the team processed and completed 26 AAFES issues from the AFAP 2004 and 2005 conferences.

"Currently, the Schinnen AFAP team has only 15 open issues to process and all issues will be submitted for final action by October," he said. "We are currently updating the AFAP book with the completed issues and will post it on the Schinnen web page when it is completed."

Delegates to the 2005 Army Europe AFAP conference held in July, and their work group staff, reviewed each of the issues submitted from AFAP conferences held at all units through out Europe and prioritized them into a plan for action. They out-briefed their selected issues to the Commanding General, U.S. Army, Europe, Gen. B.B. Bell.

"It wasn't an easy task," said Carter, "yet, through their dedication and hard work they provided a voice for improving the quality of life not only in our communities, but across the Army.

"In October, Beatrice Constantine from AFNORTH Battalion, Brunssum, will be the full-time AFAP volunteer," Carter continued. "She will be leading the Tri-border community in preparation for the 2006 AFAP Conference.

"Constantine was an AFAP delegate at Vicenza, Italy," said Carter. "With her finger on the pulse of the AFNORTH community, Constantine is right the person for the job."

USAG Schinnen's Master Sgt. Leroy Lee, Noncommissioned-officer-in-charge, Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security, and Constantine have been selected to represent the Schinnen team at the Department of the Army AFAP Conference.

In October, USAG Schinnen will kickoff the 2006 AFAP cycle. The first sign of the AFAP process will be the AFAP issue drop boxes which will be located throughout the tri-border community by the middle of October. Take the opportunity to voice your community concern by submitting an issue card in the drop boxes.

AFAP information and updates can be found on the USAG Schinnen web-site at [www.usagschinnen.eur.army.mil](http://www.usagschinnen.eur.army.mil)



## JFC Alliance Theater

**Nov. 4, 7:30 p.m. *Four Brothers*.** Starring Mark Wahlberg, Andre Benjamin. Rated R. 105 min. After their adoptive mother is murdered during a grocery store holdup, the Mercer brothers – hotheaded Bobby, hard-edged Angel, family man and businessman Jeremiah, and hard rocking Jack – reunite to take the matter of her death into their own hands. As they track down the killer, they quickly realize that their old ways of doing business have new consequences.

**Nov. 5, 4 p.m. *March of the Penguins*.** Starring Morgan Freeman. Rated G. 84 min. Emperor penguins overcome daunting obstacles in order to return to their breeding grounds for mating season. This tells the story of one year in the life of a flock – focusing on one couple in particular – as they trek across the Antarctic on an annual journey that invokes just about every major life experience: from birth to death, from dating to mating, from comedy to tragedy, and from love to fighting for survival.

7 p.m. ***Wedding Crashers*.** Starring Owen Wilson, Vince Vaughn. Rated R. 119 min. Vaughn and Wilson star as a pair of divorce mediators who spend their weekends crashing weddings in search of Ms. Right...for a night. But when one of them falls for the engaged daughter of an influential and eccentric politician at the social event of the year, they get roped into spending a weekend at the family's estate and quickly find themselves in over their head.

**Nov. 11, 7:30 p.m. *Red Eye*.** Starring Rachel McAdams, Cillian Murphy. Rated PG-13. 85 min. Lisa hates to fly, but the terror that awaits her on the night flight to Miami has nothing to do with a fear of flying. Moments after takeoff, Lisa's seatmate, Jackson, menacingly reveals the real reason he's on board: he is an operative in a plot to kill a rich and powerful businessman, and Lisa is the

key to its success. If she refuses to cooperate, an assassin awaiting a call from Jackson will kill her father.

**Nov. 12, 4 p.m. *The Cave*.** Starring Morris Chestnut, Eddie Cibrian. Rated PG-13. 97 min. A rescue team is sent down into the world's largest cave system to try to find the spelunkers who first explored its depths. But when the group's escape route is cut off, they are hunted by monstrous creatures that live down below.

7 p.m. ***Dukes of Hazzard*.** Starring Seann William Scott, Jessica Simpson. Rated PG-13. 105 min. Bo and Luke Duke, who with the help of their eye-catching cousin Daisy try and save the family farm from being destroyed by Hazzard County's corrupt commissioner Boss Hogg. Their efforts constantly find the "Duke Boys" eluding authorities in "The General Lee", their famed 1969 orange Dodge Charger that keeps them one step ahead of the law.

**Nov. 13, 1 p.m. *Valiant*.** Animated. Rated G. 76 min. A lowly wood pigeon named Valiant, overcomes his small size to become a hero in Great Britain's Royal Air Force Homing Pigeon Service during World War II. The RHPS advanced the Allied cause by flying vital messages about enemy movements across the English Channel, whilst evading brutal attacks by the enemy's Falcon Brigade.

**Nov. 18, 7:30 p.m. *40-Year-Old Virgin*.** Starring Steve Carell, Catherine Keener. Rated R. 116 min. 40-year-old Andy has done quite a few things in his life. He's got a cushy job stamping invoices at an electronics superstore, a nice apartment with a proud collection of action figures and comic books, good friends, a nice attitude. But there's just one little thing he hasn't quite gotten around to doing yet – something most people have done by his age. Andy's never, ever, ever had sex.





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